2. The terms of Reference of the Working Group are:

(a) To work out the pattern of Share Capital of the Company: optima capital to the paid up initially so as to make the Company functional.

(b) To lay down the eligibility criteria for participation in the Share Capital of the Company.

(c) To set out the activities which will be undertaken by the Company.

(d) To recommend broad policy with regard to direct lending, refinance and credit enhancement.

(e) To suggest modalities for raising long-term funds by the Company.

(f) To suggest organisational structure for the Company.

(g) Any other matter relating to the setting up and functioning of IDFC.

3. The Working Group will submit its report by september 15, 1996.

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Shortage of Coins in the Country

3529. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of 25 paise, 50 paise and one rupee coins across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the RBI had already alerted Government about the coin shortage; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Coins of different denomination (Rs.5, 2, 1, 50p, 25p, 10p, and 5p) are manufactured in the India Government Mints under the administrative control of this Ministry. The coins are produced keeping in view the demand of the RBI and production capacity of the mints. The temporary shortage of coins is due to the decision of the Government to completely coinise Rs. 5, 2 and 1 and consequently increasing demand for coins in the said denominations. The decision to coinise completely Rs. 5, 2 and 1 has been taken in order to increase production of higher denominations of notes, by releasing capacity in the Note Printing Presses. Smaller denomination notes are also subjected to more frequent handling. In the case of notes this leads to much shorter life span. Coinising will lead to a much longer life for these denominations. RBI has also confirmed that there is no dearth of Rs. 5 coins which are being issued frealy by the bank officers. However, there was a temporary set back in the supplies of other denomination coins (Rs. 2, 1 and 50p) from the Mints, which has now improved. The Government has already taken steps to increase the availability of coins by modernising three Mints at Mumbai, Calcutta and Hyderabad thus increasing their capacity to produce more coins in the near future.

Air India's unsuccessful efforts product development

3530. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has not been successful in its product development due to the failure of persons responsible for development of good

products in the form of attractive schemes;

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to make this department more efficient;

(c) the details of comparative statement of the various similar products of the major ten airlines of the world; and

(d) what steps would be taken to make Air India more profitable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Various schemes launched by Air India have been considered successful.

(c) It is not possible to draw such a comparison because of dissimilarities in products or major airlines of the world.

(d) To improve its financial performance, Air India is taking steps to intensify its marketing efforts, augment capacity, reduce non-operating costs and to improve its product, image and on-time performance.

Per capita amount spent on medicines in Tamil Nadu

3531. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount spent on medicines in the rural areas in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase this limit; and

(c) the total expenditure borne by Government as a result therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The medicines at Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres are supplied by the State Governments. The Central Govt. provides financial assistance of Rs. 2000/- per annum to the State Governments for medicines for one Sub-centres, which caters to the needs of about 5000 population in plain areas and 3000 in tribal/hilly areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Financial assistance is being provided for 97,557 sub-centres by the Central Government in the whole of country.

Branches of different Indian banks in foreign countries

3532. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of different Indian banks in the country and their location thereof;

(b) the number of branches of foreign banks in the country and their location thereof;

(c) whether all Indian Banks functioning in the foreign countries are earning profit; and

(d) if so, the details of the performance of those banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Details of branches of different Indian Banks abroad and locations thereof are given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) Details of branches of foreign banks in the country and locations thereof are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) & (d) A statement showing the profit earned/loss incurred by overseas branches of Indian Banks is placed at Annexure. [*See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 82]*